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## **Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Panelist, Presenter and Speaker Biographies**

The 2006 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference features the following speakers, panelists and presenters:

**David Applegate** is a senior science advisor for earthquake and geologic hazards at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Va. He worked as the American Geophysical Union's congressional science fellow, with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, from 1994 to 1995. Dr. Applegate received his B.S. in geology from Yale University, and his Ph.D. in geology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Cristina C. Arguedas** has been a criminal defense lawyer for over 20 years, representing dozens of high-profile clients charged with public corruption, securities fraud, intellectual property theft, environmental offenses, drug manufacturing and trafficking in addition to less serious crimes. In 2000, she was elected a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and in 1995, she was named to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. She is a former president of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, a statewide criminal defense organization. Ms. Arguedas graduated *summa cum laude* from Rutgers Law School in 1979.

**District Judge Susan R. Bolton**, who was appointed on October 13, 2000 to the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, is the chair of the Ninth Circuit Jury Trial Improvement Committee. Prior to her appointment to the federal bench, she served as a judge for the Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County, from 1989 to 2000. She clerked for the Honorable Laurance T. Wren of the Arizona Court of Appeals from 1975 to 1977. Judge Bolton received her B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1973, and her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1975. Judge Bolton

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**Aaron Brown** began his career at 18 hosting talk radio programs in Minneapolis near his hometown of Hopkins, Minneapolis. After a short stint doing radio programs, he moved to Seattle where for the next 18 years, he was a reporter and anchor at KING TV and KIRO TV. Mr. Brown left Seattle in 1991 to join ABC News, where he was the founding anchor of the ABC News overnight program World News Now. He was the anchor and managing editor of News Night on CNN from 2001 to 2005. He is the winner of three Emmys, a DuPont, and two New York Film Society World medals. Mr. Brown's coverage of 9-11 earned him the coveted Edward R. Murrow Award. He attended the University of Minnesota.

**Paul Butler** is a professor at the George Washington University Law School. He was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Service Award three times and was elected to the American Law Institute in 2003. Professor Butler lectures regularly for the American Bar Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and at universities, law schools, and community organizations around the United States. Following private practice, Professor Butler served as a prosecutor and then as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, where he specialized in public corruption, and prosecuted drug and gun cases. He received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

**Circuit Judge Consuelo M. Callahan** was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on May 28, 2003. Prior to her appointment to the federal bench, Judge Callahan served as an associate justice of the California Court of Appeal from 1996 to 2003, and as a California Superior Court judge, San Joaquin County, from 1992 to 1996. Judge Callahan served as commissioner for the Municipal Court of Stockton from 1986 to 1992. She served as a deputy district attorney from 1976 to 1986, and as a supervisory district attorney from 1982 to 1986, in the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office. Judge Callahan received her A.B. from Stanford University in 1972 and her J.D. from McGeorge School of Law, the University of the Pacific in 1975. She maintains chambers in Sacramento.

**Steven L. Chanenson** is an associate professor of law at Villanova University School of Law, where he teaches courses on sentencing and white-collar crime, and writes in the area of sentencing and criminal procedure. Professor Chanenson is an editor of (and frequent contributor to) the *Federal Sentencing Reporter* (University of California Press/Vera Institute of Justice). He is also the liaison from the National Association of Sentencing

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Commissions to the American Law Institute's efforts to revise the sentencing portions of the Model Penal Code. He received his B.A. in economics and M.S. in criminology from the University of Pennsylvania, and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

**Janet L. Chubb** is a member of the Jones Vargas firm in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada. A 1967 graduate of Loyola University of Los Angeles School of Law, she is certified as a business and consumer bankruptcy specialist by the American Board of Certification and is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Ms. Chubb has served twice as an appointed lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (1990-1993; 2000-2003) and currently serves as an elected at-large representative on the Conference Executive Committee.

**Circuit Judge Richard R. Clifton** was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on July 18, 2002. Prior to his appointment, he engaged in private practice as a partner at Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright in Honolulu, from 1982 to 2002, and as an associate from 1977 to 1982. Judge Clifton received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1972 and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975. He clerked for the late Senior Circuit Judge Herbert Y.C. Choy from 1975 to 1976, and was an adjunct professor at the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law, from 1978 to 1980, and from 1983 to 1989. He maintains chambers in Honolulu.

**Shari Seidman Diamond** is the Howard J. Trienens Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law. She is a research fellow at the American Bar Foundation, and she is now conducting a path-breaking research project on actual jury deliberations in the Arizona state courts. She was a professor of psychology and criminal justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago and was a lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School. Professor Diamond was an attorney at the law firm of Sidley & Austin. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan, her J.D. from the University of Chicago, her Ph.D. and her M.A. from Northwestern University.

**James C. Duff** is the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Prior to his appointment, he was a managing partner at the law firm of Baker Donelson in Washington, D.C. Mr. Duff has been an adjunct faculty member since 1998 at Georgetown University. He served as an administrative assistant to Chief Justice

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William H. Rehnquist from 1996 to 2000. Mr. Duff has been a trustee of the Supreme Court Historical Society since 1996. He received his B.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1975 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1981.

**Bankruptcy Judge Randall L. Dunn** was appointed a bankruptcy judge for the District of Oregon on February 1, 1998. He is a member of the Conference Executive Committee. Judge Dunn was appointed to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, and he will serve a seven-year term beginning in July 2006.

**Marianne C. Guffanti** has been a research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey since 1977 and is stationed at USGS headquarters in Reston, Virginia. She holds a B.A. degree in geology from Humboldt State University and an M.S. degree in geology from San Jose State University. From 1996 to 2001, she was the program coordinator of the USGS Volcano Hazards Program, which operates five volcano observatories in the United States. She chairs the multi-agency Consortium of U.S. Volcano Observatories and is an associate editor of the *Natural Hazards Review*, a journal of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**Stanley A. Herring, M.D.**, is the medical director of spine care at the University of Washington's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Department of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, and the Department of Neurosurgery. He was the medical director of the Puget Sound Sports & Spine Physicians at the University of Washington from 1998 to 2004. Dr. Herring also was the medical director for musculoskeletal services for Providence Seattle Medical System from 1995 to 2002, and for Medallia Healthcare Medical System from 1995 to 1998. He received his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975, and his M.D. from the University of Texas Health Center at Dallas, Southwestern Medical School of Law in 1979.

**William H. Hines** is a managing partner at the law firm of Jones Walker in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also is the general business and energy practice head of the firm. Mr. Hines currently serves on the City of New Orleans "Bring Back New Orleans" Commission (Post-Katrina) and serves as a co-chairman of its Economic Development Subcommittee. He has been a member of the board of directors for the Ochsner Clinic Foundation since 2003. Mr. Hines received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1978, and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1982.

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**District Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa** was appointed a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas on May 5, 1983. Prior to his appointment, Judge Hinojosa engaged in private practice from 1976 to 1983 in McAllen, Texas. He has been the Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission since 2003. Judge Hinojosa received his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1972, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1975. Following law school, he served as a law clerk for the Texas Supreme Court from 1975 to 1976. He maintains chambers in McAllen.

**Tom Jordan** has been the W. M. Keck professor of earth sciences at the University of Southern California since 2000, and the director of Southern California Earthquake Center since 2002. He was the head of the Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences Department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1988 to 1998, and was the Robert R. Shrock professor of earth and planetary sciences from 1984 to 2000. Professor Jordan also worked at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California at San Diego from 1982 to 1984. He received his B.S. and M.S. in geophysics from the California Institute of Technology in 1969 and in 1970, and his Ph.D. in geophysics and applied mathematics in 1972.

**Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy**, of the United States Supreme Court, was appointed on February 18, 1988. He was born in Sacramento, California, in 1936. He received his B.A. from Stanford University and the London School of Economics, and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School. Justice Kennedy was in private practice in San Francisco from 1961 to 1963, and in Sacramento from 1963 to 1975. He was a professor of constitutional law at the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, from 1965 to 1988. Justice Kennedy was a member of the California Army National Guard in 1961, the board of the Federal Judicial Center from 1987 to 1988, and two committees of the Judicial Conference of the U.S.: the Advisory Panel on Financial Disclosure Reports and Judicial Activities, subsequently renamed the Advisory Committee on Codes of Conduct, from 1979 to 1987, and the Committee on Pacific Territories from 1979 to 1990. He was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1975.

**Circuit Judge Carolyn Dineen King**, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, was appointed a circuit judge on July 13, 1979, and served as chief judge from 1999 to 2006. Prior to her appointment, Judge King engaged in private practice in Houston, Texas, as a partner at Sullivan, Bailey, King, Randall and Sabom from 1978 to 1979; a partner at

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Childs, Fortenbach, Beck and Guyton from 1972 to 1978; and as an associate at Fulbright and Jaworski from 1969 to 1972. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the U.S. from 2000 to 2005, and chaired the committee from 2002 to 2005. Judge King received her B.A. from Smith College in 1959, and her LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1962. She maintains chambers in Houston.

**U.S. Attorney Carol Chien-Hua Lam** was appointed for the Southern District of California on November 18, 2002. Ms. Lam previously served as judge of the California Superior Court in San Diego, where she presided over a criminal trial calendar. She served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California from 1986 to 1997, and was chief of the Major Frauds Section from 1997 to 2000. Ms. Lam received her B.A. from Yale University in 1981 and graduated from Stanford Law School in 1985.

**Chief District Judge Robert S. Lasnik** was appointed a district judge of the Western District of Washington on October 22, 1998. He has been the chief district judge since September 2004. Judge Lasnik is chair of the Ninth Circuit's Public Information and Community Outreach Committee (PICO) and serves as program chair of the Conference Executive Committee.

**Merrilee A. MacLean** is an attorney with Karr Tuttle Campbell in Seattle, Washington. She practices primarily in the areas of creditors' rights and bankruptcy. Ms. MacLean serves on the Advisory Board to the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit and is the Advisory Board's liaison to the Conference Executive Committee.

**Joseph M. Meier** practices in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial, real property and business law. Mr. Meier has represented creditors, debtors, committees and trustees in proceedings under all chapters of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Mr. Meier is a member of the Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section of the Idaho State Bar and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He received his B.A. from the University of Oregon and his J.D. from Willamette University. Mr. Meier is vice chair of the Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee.

**Patricia Lee Refo** is a partner at the Phoenix law firm of Snell & Wilmer, LLP. She is a member of the U.S. Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence. Ms. Refo is also a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers

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and serves on its Committee for the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees since 2005. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1980, and her J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1983.

**Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.**, of the United States Supreme Court, was appointed on September 29, 2005. He was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1955. He received an A.B. from Harvard College in 1976 and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1979. Chief Justice Roberts served as a law clerk for Circuit Judge Henry J. Friendly of the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals from 1979 to 1980 and as a law clerk for then-Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court during the 1980 term. He was Special Assistant to the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, from 1981 to 1982; Associate Counsel to President Ronald Reagan, White House Counsel's Office from 1982 to 1986; and Principal Deputy Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, from 1989 to 1993. Chief Justice Roberts practiced law in Washington, D.C., from 1986 to 1989, and from 1993 to 2003. He was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 2003.

**Jeffery Robinson** is a criminal defense attorney with the law firm of Schroeter Goldmark & Bender in Seattle. He spent the first seven years of his criminal defense career as a public defender in state and federal courts. Mr. Robinson is a member and past-president of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is also a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and was a former lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Mr. Robinson received his B.A. from Marquette University in 1978 and his J.D. from Harvard University Law School in 1981.

**Alan I. Rothenberg** is the chairman of the board at 1st Century Bank. He retired in 2000 as a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Latham & Watkins, LLP and is now a mediator, arbitrator and consultant to major corporations. Prior to joining the firm in 1990, Mr. Rothenberg was founder and managing partner of the Los Angeles based law firm of Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg and Phillips. He has been an instructor at the University of Southern California School of Law and has served as CEO, president, general counsel, or on the board of governors of numerous organizations, including the State Bar of California, the U.S. Soccer Federation and World Cup Organizing Committee, and the National Basketball Association, among many other organization.

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**Chief Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder** is the first woman to serve as chief judge of the Ninth Circuit. Nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Carter, she was confirmed by the Senate in 1979. She was elevated to chief judge of the circuit in December 2000 and maintains chambers in Phoenix. As chief judge, she serves as the court's executive officer and chairs the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, governing body for federal courts in the western states. Prior to coming onto the federal bench, Judge Schroeder sat on the Arizona Court of Appeals from 1975 to 1979, and engaged in private practice in Phoenix, where she was the first woman to become a partner in a major law firm, Lewis and Roca.

**Magistrate Judge Sandra M. Snyder** was appointed a magistrate judge of the Eastern District of California in 1993. She served previously as a judge on the Superior Court of California, Fresno County, from 1991 to 1993, and as a judge on the Municipal Court of Fresno County, from 1989 to 1991. As the first magistrate judge to chair a circuit conference, Judge Snyder is also chair of the Conference Executive Committee. She maintains chambers in Fresno.

**Peg Carew Toledo** is of counsel in the Litigation Department of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's Sacramento office. Ms. Toledo's practice concentrates on complex business litigation with an emphasis in appellate practice. Prior to joining Orrick, Ms. Toledo served as a law clerk to the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson, a Senior Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Currently, Ms. Toledo is a member of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee and serves as the Chair of the Ninth Circuit's Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee. She also serves on the Judicial Advisory Committee for the Eastern District of California. Ms. Toledo graduated with great distinction from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Ms. Toledo received her B.A. with honors in Latin American Studies from Duke University.

**Chief District Judge Vaughn R. Walker** was appointed a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on November 27, 1989, and has been the district's chief judge since 2004. Prior to his appointment, he was an associate then partner at Pillsbury, Madison, and Sutro in San Francisco from 1972 to 1990. Judge

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Walker received his A.B. from the University of Michigan in 1966, and his J.D. from Stanford University in 1970. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Robert J. Kelleher of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California from 1971 to 1972. He also served on the California Law Revision Commission from 1986 to 1989. Judge Walker maintains chambers in San Francisco.

**Chief District Judge Robert H. Whaley**, of the Eastern District of Washington, was appointed on June 30, 1995. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Whaley served as a Washington Superior Court judge, Spokane County, from 1992 to 1995. He engaged in private practice in Spokane from 1972 to 1992. Judge Whaley served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, from 1971 to 1972, and as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Land and Natural Resources Division, from 1969 to 1971. Judge Whaley received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1965 and his J.D. from Emory University School of Law in 1968. He maintains chambers in Spokane.

**Mary Lou Zoback** is a senior research scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey Western Earthquake Hazards Team in Menlo Park, Calif., and serves as the regional coordinator for the USGS Northern California Earthquake Hazard Program. Dr. Zoback is chair of the Steering Committee for the 1906 Earthquake Centennial Alliance. She joined the USGS in 1978 after receiving her Ph.D. in geophysics from Stanford University. From 1999 to 2002, she served as chief scientist of the USGS Western Earthquake Hazards Team. Dr. Zoback was awarded the American Geophysical Union's Macelwane Award in 1987 for "significant contributions to the geophysical sciences by a young scientist of outstanding ability."

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